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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED  
Information

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1. On 18 August 1954, 7 trucks, 4 field kitchens, 1 repair shop trailer with generator, 2 large tents for EM, 1 large baking tent and 1 house-type tent were seen in a quarry near Huenberg between Schmalkalden and Tambach/Dietharz. The field bakeries were in operation and the area was cordoned off by KVP. In the morning on 19 August, the vehicles departed. A KVP man stated that an exercise had lasted from 14 to 19 August and that the unit had departed for Gotha. According to local residents, KVP with tanks was entrained in Finsterbergen and Tambach/Dietharz on 19 August. 1 25X1
2. On 24 August, a VP stated that approximately 1,000 KVPs conducted a firing practice in the Naundorf forest district. 2
3. On 27 August, the KVP kaserne in Zittau was occupied by only a rear detail of approximately 200 men. The bulk of the unit was stationed at a summer camp. 3
4. On 1 September, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg was occupied by not more than 500 KVPs. It was undetermined when the units which had been practicing in the Nochten area for several weeks were to return.<sup>3</sup> Opposite the installation, on the other side of Forster Strasse, a strip of wood, 300 meters long and 100 meters deep, was being cleared, apparently for new barracks. 4
5. On 30 August, the installations in Hutweide and Niederschlag were occupied by only rear details of 25 men each. Local residents stated that the units left for exercises or maneuvers on 28 August. 5 25X1
6. KVP shipments from Halle to the RBD Greifswald  included: 2 shipments on 4 September and 1 shipment on 5 September. Each train consisted of approximately 10 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars with trucks. 6 25X1

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7. On 12 September, the KVP kaserne on Zeitzer Strasse in Weissenfels was occupied by an estimated 900 to 1,000 men. 7

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1. Comment. The field bakery probably belonged to the bakery company of Division Erfurt. Elements of Division Erfurt from the Gotha post presumably practiced in the Tambach/Dietharz area between 14 and 19 August. The entraining of tanks indicates that the medium tank regiment from Gotha also participated.

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2. Comment. The Maundorf forest district belongs to the Annaburg Forest which included the Zuellsdorf training grounds. In late August, this training grounds was probably occupied by artillery units of Divisions Halle and Erfurt and, presumably, Leipzig. a firing practice was scheduled to be held in the Zuellsdorf area at that time.

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3. Comment. The units from the Zittau and Spremberg posts are believed to have been stationed at Weisswasser until early September.

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4. Comment. According to previous information, barracks for the medium tank regiment of the Mechanized Division Dresden are under construction opposite the Panzerjaeger Kaserne.

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5. Comment. The tank battalion and the artillery battalion of the 2d Mech Regt are believed to be stationed in the installations in Hutweide and Niederschlag.

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6. Comment. The trains presumably carried AAA units of Division Halle which were transferred to the firing range near Zingst. AAA units of Division Erfurt were transferred to Zingst at about the same time.

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7. Comment. The 3d Inf Regt and the Arty Regt of Division Halle are believed to be stationed in Weissenfels.

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